IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE THOTTATHIL B.RADHAKRISHNAN

THURSDAY, THE 1ST MARCH 2007 / 10TH PHALGUNA 1928

WP(C).No. 34145 of 2006(M)

PETITIONER:

P.N.THANKAPPAN NAIR,
S/O. LATE SANKARA PILLAI, PUTHIYEDATHU,
THODUPUZHA P.O.

BY ADV. SRI.V.PHILIP MATHEW

RESPONDENTS:
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1. THE STATE OF KERALA, REP. BY
THE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRATION,
KERALA GOVT. SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE DISTRICT TREASURY OFFICER,
IDUKKI.

3. THE SUB TREASURY OFFICER,
THODUPUZHA.

4. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
IDUKKI, THODUPUZHA.

BY GOVT.PLEADER SRI.I.V.PRAMOD

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 01/03/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

THOTTATHIL.B.RADHAKRISHNAN.J

W.P(C) No. 34145 of 2006

Dated this the 1st day of March 2007

JUDGMENT

Petitioner challenges Exts. P2 and P7. ExtP7 is the decision rendered on 29-9-2006 whereby the District Treasury Officer found that the Stamp Vendor License issued to the petitioner was not renewed after the year 2001-2002. The petitioners does not have a case that it was renewed. According to the petitioner he had been sick and is now aged 78 years. He could not, therefore promptly apply for renewal of license. Whatever that be,Stamp Vendors License is issued under the Kerala Manufacture and Sale of Stamp Rules 1960 on the basis of the larger public interest, to ensure that appropriate stamps are made available to the public as and when required . Under such circumstances I do not find any legal infirmity or any failure of justice on the statutory authorities inviting fresh applications by considering the non-availability of the petitioner as a vacancy for the purpose of such course of action. This writ petition fails and is accordingly dismissed. If the petitioner well within time to make applications and if he is competent to apply in terms of the law, this judgment shall not preclude his application from being considered in accordance with law.

THOTTATHIL.B.RADHAKRISHNAN.JUDGE

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